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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 2399

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: YE, OGEN

SUBJECT: DISASTER IN YEMEN

1. PRIMIN SUMMONED ALL MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS TODAY, AUG 28, TOPROVIDE FIGURES ON DAMAGE DONE BY FLOOD AND ASK FOR AID.
2. SAID IN SANA 5 WERE DEAD AND IN NEARBY WADI DHAHAR 36 WERE DEAD. (THIS HALVES FIGURES RELEASED EARLIER.)
3. ALSO SAID THAT IN MARIB, IN DISTANT EASTERN PART OF YAR, FLOODS HAD KILLED 11 PERSONS.
4. SAID 58 HOMES IN SANA WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED AND 40 HOMES IN WADI DHAHAR. LANDS AND CROPS HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFECTED IN NARROW WADIS.
5. YARG ELICITING PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MERCHANTS IN AREA AND DOCKING CIVIL SERVANTS ONE DAY PAY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF.
6. PM MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS AT FIRST. WHEN PRESSED BY DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SAID HE HOPED RECEIVE FOOD, CLOTHES, AND

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MEDICINES.

7. CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY
INTERNATIONAL EFFORT FOR THESE MISFORTUNES, ALTHOUGH
THEY ARE REAL AND GRIEVOUS. DESIRE DEPARTMENT CONFIRM
THAT EMBASSY JUDGMENT OF SCALE OF DAMAGES HERE TOO LIMITED
TO JUSTIFY SPECIAL AID. WE OF COURSE WANT TO DO WHATEVER
WE CAN. IF SMALL PACKAGE OF ASSISTANCE IS POSSIBLE,
WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ADVISED ON WHAT IT COULD CONTAIN, WHEN IT
COULD BE DELIVERED. OTHER EMBASSIES APPEAR TO BE MAKING
NOMINAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH WE CAN PROBABLY MATCH THROUGH LOCAL
EFFORTS.
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